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SUBJ: SHAH DISCUSSES HORN OF AFRICA IN ASWAN AND RIYADH

1. UPON HIS RETURN FROM VISITS TO ASWAN AND RIYADH, SHAH TOLD ME HE HAD DISCUSSED HORN OF AFRICA IN BOTH PLACES. HE SAID HE FOUND BOTH EGYPTIAN AND SAUDIS GRAVELY CONCERNED BY SOVIEIT ACTIVITY THERE, AND CONSIDERED SAUDIS "PETRIFIED" BY PROSPECT OF SOVIET PRESENCE ACROSS RED SEA.
2. SADAT TOLD HIM THAT NUMEIRY HAD UNDERTAKEN TO SEND SUDANESE BRIGADE TO BERBERA. TROOPS WOULD BE PICKED UP BY EGYPTIAN SHIPS AND ENTIRE EXPEDITION WOULD BE FUNDED BY SAUDIS. SADAT ALSO SAID THAT EGYPT WOULD SEND CREWS TO SOMALIA TO MAN SAM II MISSILE SITES, WHICH SOMALIS WERE UNABLE TO HANDLE.

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3. SHAH GOT IMPRESSION THAT SADAT IS VERY PREOCCUPIED WITH IDEA THAT SOVIETS ARE SEEKING TO RETALIATE AGAINST HIM BY SEIZING CONTROL OF TERRIROT OF VITAL INTEREST TO EGYPT. HE MUSED ON THOUGH THAT SADAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IMPELLED TO HIS DRAMATIC OVERTURES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HIS GENEROUS OFFERS TO ISRAEL BECAUSE HE WISHES TO TIDY UP HIS EASTERN FRONT IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE ON

MORE PERNICIOUS DANGERS ELSEWHERE.
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